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TAGS: PFOR, UNGA, KN, KS

SUBJECT: KOREA AT 30TH UNGA

KUWAIT ALSO POUCH MUSCAT AND DOHA, NEW DELHI ALSO FOR
BHUTAN, DAKAR POUCH BANJUL, SUVA BY POUCH

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS FOR THE INFORMATION OF
ADDRESSEE POSTS, AND FOR YOU TO DRAW UPON IN TALKS WITH
HOST GOVERNMENT AND/OR THIRD COUNTRY OFFICIALS AS DEEMED
USEFUL OR NECESSARY.

2. SETTING: NORTH KOREA IS MOUNTING A MAJOR DIPLOMATIC
EFFORT TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF ISOLATING THE REPUBLIC OF
KOREA INTERNATIONALLY AND FORCING THE WITHDRAWAL OF
AMERICAN PRESENCE FROM THE KOREAN PENINSULA. THE LATTER
IS THE IMMEDIATE GOAL WHICH THE NORTH HAS PROCLAIMED A PRE-
REQUISITE TO THE RESOLUTION OF KOREAN ISSUES AND EVENTUAL
REUNIFICATION. LAST YEAR NORTH KOREA'S EFFORT TO OBTAIN

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A UNGA RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN
FORCES UNDER THE UN FLAG WAS BARELY DEFEATED. KIM IL-SUNG
EVIDENTLY BELIEVES THAT HIS CHANCES FOR SUCCESS IN SECURING
AN ANTI-U.S. RESOLUTION THIS YEAR HAVE BEEN GREATLY
ENHANCED BY EVENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. NORTH KOREA HAS AL-
READY BEGUN LOBBYING HARD TO LINE UP SUPPORT FOR ITS EFFORT

TO GAIN ADMISSION TO THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP AND FOR ITS

POSITION ON THE KOREAN ISSUE AT THE 30TH UNGA. THE
THRUST OF THE NORTH KOREAN UN APPROACH IS DIRECTED
AGAINST THE U.S. FORCE PRESENCE IN KOREA. ITS CAMPAIGN
IS BOTH EXTENSIVE AND INTENSIVE; NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATS

HAVE EVEN APPROACHED U.S. DIPLOMATS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS

TO REPEAT PYONGYANG'S HARDLINE VIEWS AND SEEK AN INDICATION OF WHAT THE U.S. WILL DO AT THE NEXT UNGA.

3. THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, WORRIED BY THE IMPACT OF INDOCHINA DEVELOPMENTS ON ITS INTERESTS, BY THE NORTH'S AGGRESSIVE DIPLOMACY, AND BY THE MARGIN OF SUPPORT FOR ITS POSITION AT THE UN, WHICH IS GRADUALLY DETERIORATING YEAR BY YEAR, HAS ALSO LAUNCHED A VIGOROUS LOBBYING CAMPAIGN. WE ARE ALSO PREPARING FOR A MAJOR EFFORT TO DEFEND OUR MUTUAL POSITION AT THIS YEAR'S UNGA. THE DEPT THEREFORE BELIEVES IT NECESSARY FOR ADDRESSEES TO BE READY TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENT OR THIRD COUNTRY OFFICIALS OF US VIEWS ON THE KOREAN ISSUE SHOULD THEY BE APPROACHED, AND TO RAISE THE SUBJECT WHEN THIS APPEARS DESIRABLE.

4. BACKGROUND: THE 29TH UNGA ON DECEMBER 17, 1974 ADOPTED RESOLUTION 3333 WHICH, INTER ALIA: (1) URGES SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA TO CONTINUE THEIR DIALOGUE TO EXPEDITE THE PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA; AND (2) EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL, "BEARING IN MIND THE NEED TO ENSURE CONTINUED ADHERENCE TO THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT (OF JULY 27, 1953...WILL IN DUE COURSE GIVE CONSIDERATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED, TO THOSE ASPECTS OF THE KOREAN QUESTION WHICH FALL WITHIN ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, INCLUDING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND IN CONJUNCTION
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WITH APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS TO MAINTAIN THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT..."

5. (THE UN COMMAND WAS ESTABLISHED BY A SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON JULY 7, 1950 WHICH REQUESTED UN MEMBERS PROVIDING MILITARY FORCES AND OTHER ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO EARLIER SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS TO MAKE SUCH FORCES AVAILABLE TO A "UNIFIED COMMAND UNDER THE UNITED STATES," REQUESTED THE UNITED STATES TO DESIGNATE THE COMMANDER OF SUCH FORCES AND AUTHORIZED THE USE OF THE UN FLAG. THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE UN COMMAND IS A SIGNATORY TO THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT ALONG WITH THE COMMANDERS OF THE NORTH KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA VOLUNTEER ARMY.)

6. RESOLUTION 3333 WAS ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 61(US)-43, WITH 31 ABSTENTIONS, AFTER HAVING BEEN ENDORSED IN THE

FIRST (POLITICAL) COMMITTEE ON DECEMBER 9 BY A MARGIN OF 61(US)-42-32. THE FIRST COMMITTEE DEFEATED BY A 48-48 VOTE A DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY NORTH KOREA'S SUPPORTERS. THE DRAFT DEMANDED THE WITHDRAWAL OF "ALL

FOREIGN TROOPS STATIONED IN SOUTH KOREA UNDER THE FLAG OF THE UNITED NATIONS," AND SAID THAT PROBLEMS RELATED TO SUCH WITHDRAWAL COULD BE SETTLED BY THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED. ALTHOUGH THE KOREAN QUESTION IS NOT YET ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE 30TH GA, WE EXPECT A SIMILAR DRAFT TO BE SUBMITTED TO IT.

7. NORTH KOREAN POSITION: NORTH KOREA DEMANDS THAT AN END BE PUT TO THE UN ROLE IN KOREA, ALLEGING THAT IT HINDERS THE PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA. THE NORTH KOREANS HAVE MADE CLEAR THAT AN END TO THE UN ROLE ALSO ENTAILS WITHDRAWAL OF US TROOPS STATIONED IN SOUTH KOREA EVEN THOUGH THESE TROOPS ARE IN SOUTH KOREA UNDER THE TERMS OF THE US-REPUBLIC OF KOREA BILATERAL MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY OF 1954 AND ARE NOT FORMALLZ PART OF THE UN COMMAND. THE OTHER "FOREIGN TROOPS" IN SOUTH KOREA, WHICH ARE UNDER THE COMMAND ARE HONOR GUARD UNITS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, THAILAND AND THE PHILIPPINES.

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8. U.S. POSITION: WE HAVE MADE CLEAR IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND IN OUR SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION 3333 THAT THE U.S. IS WILLING TO HAVE THE UN COMMAND DISSOLVED PROVIDED ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE TO PRESERVE THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN THE BASIS FOR PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA FOR OVER 20 YEARS. TO DISSOLVE THE COMMAND (WHOSE COMMANDER IS A SIGNATORY TO THE AGREEMENT) BEFORE SUCH ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE, WOULD CALL INTO QUESTION THE LEGAL AND POLITICAL VALIDITY OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND JEOPARDIZE PEACE AND STABILITY ON THE PENINSULA. TERMINATION OF THE COMMAND WOULD HAVE NO EFFECT ON THE PRESENCE OF U.S. TROOPS IN SOUTH KOREA.

9. THE US. WILL VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE ANY DRAFT UNGA RESOLUTION WHICH CALLS FOR DISSOLUTION OF THE UN COMMAND BEFORE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE TO SAFEGUARD THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. WE WILL ALSO VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE ANY DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH CALLS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF US TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA AS A MATTER NOT WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE UNGA, SINCE US TROOPS ARE THERE UNDER A BILATERAL MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY AND IN CONFTRMITH WITH ARTICLE 51 OF THE UN CHARTER (THE RIGHT TO INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE SELF-DEFENSE). IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ANY UNGA RESOLUTION ON THE UN COMMAND WOULD BE RECOMMENDATORY ONLY; THE SECURITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHED THE COMMAND AND ONLY THE COUNCIL CAN DISSOLVE IT.

10. FYI. 30TH UNGA: WE ARE NOW DISCUSSING UNGA TACTICS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND, IMMEDIATELY UPON REACHING AGREEMENT, WILL CONSULT WITH OUR TRADITIONAL CLOSE SUPPORTERS ON THIS ISSUE. WE HOPE TO BE IN A STRONG

AND DEFENSIBLE POSITION REGARDING THE UNC WELL BEFORE THE
30TH UNGA CONVENES. IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT WE CAN AGAIN
GET A FRIENDLY DRAFT RESOLUTION ON KOREA PASSED BY THE
FIRST COMMITTEE, BUT WE WILL NEED THE MOST PERSUASIVE
ARGUMENTS PLUS AN ALL-OUT LOBBYING EFFORT TO DEFEAT
PASSAGE OF A HOSTILE DRAFT RESOLUTION AS WELL. PASSAGE OF
BOTH DRAFT RESES WOULD INEVITABLY LEAD TO STRONG
PRESSURES FOR COMPROMISE IN PLENARY ALONG UNSATISFACTORY
LINES. SPECIFIC APPROACHES WILL BE REQUESTED AT A LATER
STAGE BEFORE THE UNGA. IN THE MEANTIME, ADDRESSEES MAY
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IF NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE UTILIZE THE ARGUMENTS SET FORTH
IN PARAS 8 AND 9 IN ANY DISCUSSIONS OF THE KOREA ISSUE.
END FYI.

11. REPORT ANY DISCUSSIONS WHICH OCCUR, INFO SEOUL AND
USUN. KISSINGER

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